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SUBJ: JOINT ICFTU- WCL PROTEST ON IMPRISONMENT OF CANADIAN
TRADE UNION LEADERS

REF: OTTAWA 0855

1. ICFTU- WCL DELEGATION DID NOT COME TO MONTREAL TO ATTEND SCHEDULED MASS MEETING ON APRIL 10. THEY REPORTEDLY CHANGED THEIR PLANS BECAUSE OF A LATE AFTERNOON MEETING IN QUEBEC WITH LEADERS OF PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AND ALSO BECAUSE OF A SNOWSTORM WHICH MADE TRAVEL HAZARDOUS.

2. QUEBEC FEDERATION OF LABOR SPOKESMAN TOLD CONGEN THAT DELEGATES WERE IN MONTREAL APRIL 11 BUT FOR PRIVATE TALKS ONLY AND THAT BOULADOUX AND MAIER DEPARTED FOR EUROPE ON APRIL 11.

BRACONNIER EXPECTED TO LEAVE MONTREAL ON APRIL 12.

3. CONGEN AGREES WITH EMBASSY OTTAWA THAT PUBLIC REACTION TO IMPRISONMENT OF THE THREE LABOR LEADERS HAS BEEN APATHETIC. SEVERAL UNION LEADERS HAVE TRIED TO WHIP UP MASS SUPPORT FOR
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MOVE TO LIBERATE THEM BUT WITH LITTLE SUCCESS SO FAR. THERE
IS HOWEVER SOME FEELING AMONG DISPASSIONATE OBSERVERS THAT
THE SENTENCES RECEIVED BY THE LABOR LEADERS WERE HARSH AND
THAT A MUTUALLY FACE- SAVING FORMULA SHOULD BE FOUND TO RELEASE
THEM SOON.
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